

ABSTRACT

Process for the preparation of an enantiomerically enriched Schiff base wherein an amine is contacted with a carbonyl compound wherein the amine and/or the carbonyl compound is a chiral compound, to form a mixture of the enantiomers of the corresponding Schiff base wherein, if the amine is the chiral compound the carbonyl compound is an aromatic aldehyde; if the carbonyl compound is the chiral compound the amine is an aromatic amine and if both the amine and the carbonyl compound are chiral compounds, they in combination may have the same meanings as given above for both the chiral amine and the chiral carbonyl compound situation, and the mixture of enantiomers of the Schiff base is subjected to preparative chromatography on a stationary phase whereby separation of the enantiomers of the Schiff base is obtained. Preferably chiral Simulated Moving Bed chromatography is used.